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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPLINTER PARTY HOLDS NOISY MEETING AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT
DEMONSTRATION IN SEOUL

1. DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP), A SPLINTER OPPOSITION PARTY, HELD A NOISY MEETING OF ITS STANDING COMMITTEE AND A SMALL DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN SEOUL ON APRIL 11. TWO MAJOR PARTY THEMES WERE INTRODUCED: A) CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF NCU ELECTIONS; AND B) DEMAND FOR DIRECT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT. PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING WERE BROADCAST BY LOUD-SPEAKERS FROM PARTY HEADQUARTERS THROUGHOUT NEIGHBORHOOD. DESPITE ANTI-GOVT STATEMENTS, POLICE DID NOT INTERVENE. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, DUP MEMBERS (PERHPAS ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE) CAME OUT OF HEADQUARTERS FOR MARCH, BUT WERE INTERCEPTED AT DOORS OF BUILDING, PUT ON BUSES, AND DRIVEN TO LOCATION NEAR AIRPORT WHERE THEY WERE SET FREE.

2. DUP LEADER YANG IL-TONG HAD INFORMED EMBOFF THAT DUP DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN ARRANGED AT THIS TIME, CLOSE TO APRIL 19 ANNIVERSARY OF STUDENT REVOLTUION, TO HELP
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CREATE TENSE ENVIRONEMENT AND GIVE HEART TO STUDENTS CON-TEMPLATING DEMONSTRATIONS THIS YEAR. POLICE, WHO WERE ALSO BUSY HANDLING DMONSTRATIONS AT US EMBASSY (SEE SEPTTEL), CONTROLLED DUP EFFORTS WITH MINIMUM OF FORCE AND EFFORT, POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATORS AMONG STUDENTS WOULD NOT LIKELY DRAW MUCH COMFORT OR ENCOURAGEMENT FROM DUP EXPERIENCE.

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